



<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) <b>MSE-2695</b>	
Application Number <b>10/590,533</b>		Filed <b>August 24, 2006</b>	
<b>DAMPENING AND RETRACTION MECHANISM FOR A LANCING DEVICE</b>			
For			
Art Unit <b>N/A</b>		Examiner <b>N/A</b>	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
		<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to			
Deposit Account Number <b>50-4181/247082-000155USPX</b>		I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.	
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.			
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34		41,774	
 Signature		May 21, 2007 Date	
John C. Gatz Typed or printed name		(312) 425-3900 Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.		05/29/2007 GFREY1 00000143 10390533 01 FC:1251 120.00 DA	

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.	
Dated: May 21, 2007	Signature:  (Carla Rivera)